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CINCPAC FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

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SUBJECT: INDIA AND THE FORD FUND

1. FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE EDITOR APPEARED IN JANUARY 18
NEW YORK TIMES UNDER HEADING "INDIA AND THE FORD FUND":

2. QUOTE:WE REGRET THAT COMMENTS BY OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN
INDIA HAVE LED TO A NEWS STORY HEADLINED "FORD FUND SEEKS
A NEW IMAGE OF INDIA" (JAN. 13). WE ARE NOT IN THE IMAGE
BUSINESS, AND OUR ABLE AND DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVE DID
NOT INTEND TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE.

3. WE HAVE WORKED IN INDIA FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS WITH
INDIAN LEADERS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, SEEKING TO RAISE
IN FAMILY PLANNING AND INCREASE RURAL WELFARE (SIC). WE
HAVE SEEN AT FIRST HAND NOT ONLY THE DIFFICULTIES OF INDIA
BUT THE EXTRAORDINARY RESILIENCE OF THIS MARVELOUSLY
COMPLEX DEMOCRACY.

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4. BECAUSE IT IS OFTEN HARD FOR DIFFERENT SOCIETIES TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER FULLY, WE SOMETIMES SUPPORT EFFORTS AIMED AT INCREASING SUCH UNDERSTANDING, ALTHOUGH IN INDIA THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SMALL PART OF OUR WORK. IT IS NO CRITICISM OF JOURNALISTS OR DIPLOMATS TO SAY THAT THEIR REGULAR REPORTING DOES NOT EXHAUST THE NEED FOR ACCURATE

INFORMATION ON A SUBJECT AS VAST AS INDIA. BUT "IMAGE-MAKING" IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AND WE WANT NO PART OF IT.

5. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE STORY ALSO CARRIED COMMENTS BY OUR REPRESENTATIVE THAT WERE IMPROPERLY CRITICAL OF AMERICAN OR INDIAN OFFICIALS, APOLOGIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED BY HIM TO THOSE OFFICIALS. I WISH TO JOIN IN THOSE APOLOGIES, AND IN PARTICULAR I REGRET ANY DEROGATION OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, AN OLD FRIEND WHOSE MANY DISTINGUISHED SERVICES I GREATLY ADMIRE. SIGNED, MCGEORGE BUNDY, PRESIDENT, THE FORD FOUNDATION, NEW YORK, DATED JAN. 16, 1975. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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